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Free Restaurant Tax Seminar in Orange County Forum for Restaurant Owners to Ask Questions and Get Tax Help

Sacramento – Restaurant owners, entrepreneurs, and individuals who would like to start a restaurant, are invited to attend a free [Restaurant Tax Seminar](#) on Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at the Seal Beach Marina Community Center in Orange County. Michelle Steel, Vice Chair of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE) and Ellery Deaton, Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Seal Beach are sponsoring this event.

Representatives from the BOE, Employment Development Department, Franchise Tax Board, and the U.S. Small Business Administration will offer presentations that will answer questions about restaurant financing, restaurant ownership, sales and use tax, employment taxes, tip reporting, and social media marketing.

Event: Restaurant Tax Seminar

Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2013

Time: 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
(Check-in begins at 12:00 p.m.)

Place: Marina Community Center
151 Marina Drive
Seal Beach, CA 90740

Registration: 1-888-847-9652 or [online](#)

Learn more about a variety of BOE's other [in-person classes](#) and [online seminars](#).

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Elected to the Board of Equalization in 2006 and re-elected in 2010, Michelle Steel serves as *Southern California's elected taxpayer advocate*. In December 2007, Steel discovered the Board of Equalization had delayed the return of millions of dollars in security deposits owed to California businesses. Procedures were changed due to Steel's decisive

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leadership. Following her investigation, the tax agency refunded tax security deposits to over 5,500 small businesses. To date, over \$100 million in security deposits have been returned to taxpayers.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$53.7 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.

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